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MOTION TO SUPPORT PASSENGER BILL OF RIGHTS LEGISLATION (ITEM NO. 122A, AGENDA OF JUNE 19, 2001)

Item No. 122A on the June 19, 2001 Agenda is a motion by Supervisor Antonovich that the Board of Supervisors support "Passenger Bill of Rights" legislation and that the Board's support for the legislation be communicated to the Congressional leadership, the appropriate Congressional committees, California's Congressional delegation, and the head of the Federal Aviation Administration.

A number of Passenger Bill of Rights bills aimed at improving airline customer service have been introduced this year. Senator McCain's Passenger Bill of Rights bill (S.319), which was approved by the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee on March 15, 2001, would require airlines to incorporate plans for improving customer service into legally binding passenger rights agreements and authorizes the Transportation Department to enforce those agreements.

A bipartisan House bill H.R. 1734 (Sweeney, R-NY/Dingell, D-MI), which was introduced on May 3, 2001, would require airlines to provide information on all fares and on chronically delayed or cancelled flights, permit passengers to leave a plane if it is at the gate for one hour after its scheduled departure time, and includes other consumer protections. The bill was referred to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, which has not scheduled any action on Passenger Bill of Rights legislation.

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There are no existing Board policies relating to Passenger Bill of Rights legislation, and a position on such legislation is a matter for Board policy determination.

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